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Penal Code Article 11.2
"Death by Retaliation"

1) The death row inmate shall, during the duel, be executed in the same manner in which their victim was killed.

2) After strict review, the victim's family's request for execution will be carried out by an Enforcer of the Special Administrative Police.

3) If the inmate fells the Enforcer during the duel, their execution by retaliation expires, and they are given three years' amnesty and the right to be euthanized.

KOUTA KIYODERA (AGE 21)

ASSISTOR NO. 9

HE IS BLESSED WITH A FIT PHYSIQUE, TOP-NOTCH EYESIGHT AND REFLEXES. HIS ABILITIES ARE SAID TO BE ON PAR WITH THE BEST ATHLETES. HOWEVER, HIS SIMPLISTIC PERSONALITY PREVENTS FULL UTILIZATION OF THOSE TALENTS. HE CAN BE MORE EMPATHIC TO VICTIMS THAN YUUJI AT TIMES, THANKS TO HIS SELF-HONESTY AND HIS RECEPTIVENESS TO OTHERS.

KOUTA KIYODERA

RYOKO KOIZUMI (AGE 23)

ASSISTOR NO. 8

THE LONE SURVIVOR OF THE AA INCIDENT, IN WHICH THE INSTIGATOR MURDERED SCORES OF HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS IN SEARCH OF AN ANGEL WHO COULD PURIFY HIS TAINTED SOUL. DUE TO THAT EXPERIENCE, SHE'S COME TO HARBOR A DEEP RESENTMENT TOWARDS MEN. SHE CAN FREELY DISLOCATE HER JOINTS AND CONTORT HER BODY AS NEEDED.

RYOKO KOIZUMI

YUUJI YAMAGISHI (AGE 24)

ASSISTOR NO. 7

A YOUNG ASSISTOR WHO HARBORS A DEEP HATRED TOWARDS CRIME AND A DEEP SYMPATHY TOWARDS VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES. DESPITE LEADING AN EASYGOING EXISTENCE, HE IS A WORRYWART WITH A TENDENCY TO COMPARE EVERYTHING BECAUSE OF A CERTAIN INCIDENT IN HIS YOUTH. HE LOST HIS FATHER AND BROTHER. BOTH HIS ARMS AND HIS LEGS, AND ANY SENSATION OF PAIN IN HIS NEW LIMBS.

YUUJI YAMAGISHI

NOBORU HINOMURA (AGE 30)

ASSISTOR NO. 5

THE KIND AND PURE-HEARTED ASSISTOR WITH UNRIVALED PHYSICAL STRENGTH. HE IS ALWAYS WITH HIS TWO DOLLS.

NOBORU HINOMURA

YOSHIHIKO HAGIWARA (AGE 31)

ASSISTOR NO. 3

HE WAS ONCE A DOCTOR REVERED AS THE "GOD OF SURGERY." BUT HE LOST THAT POSITION WHEN HE BECAME A MURDER SUSPECT AFTER PERFORMING AN ORGAN TRANSPLANT. HE'S SINCE BECOME AN ASSISTOR, CLAIMING THAT THE SIDE OF HIM EVERYONE SAW UNTIL THEN HAS DISAPPEARED.

YOSHIHIKO HAGIWARA

KOMATSU HORIBE (AGE ?)

ASSISTOR NO. 1

THE ELDERLY ASSISTOR WHO IS MORE THAN A CENTURY OLD. WHILE HIS ABILITIES AND EXPERIENCE ARE A MYSTERY, NO ONE DOUBTS HE IS AN EXTRAORDINARY MAN.

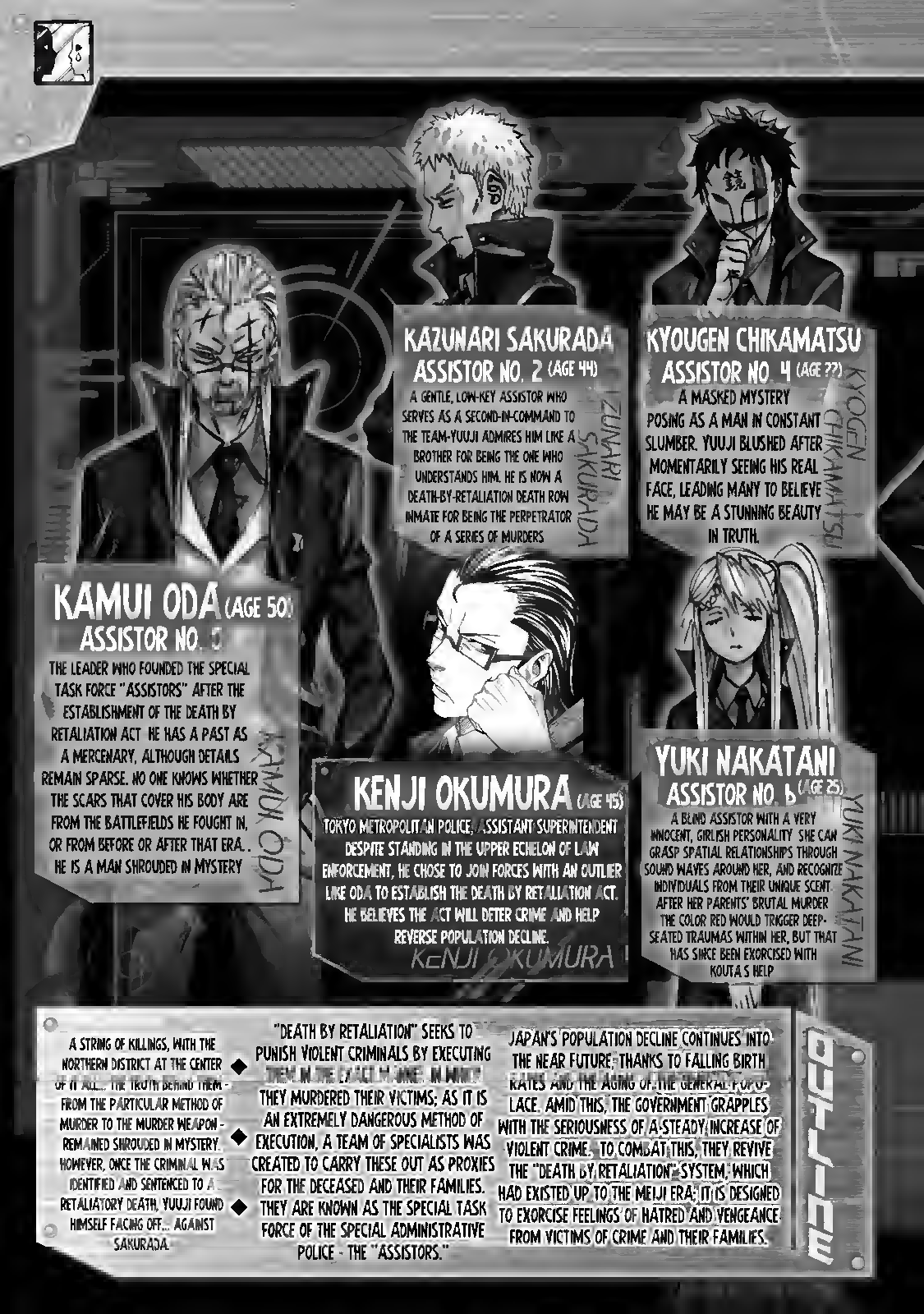
KOMATSU HORIBE

JOURNALIST

HARUKA YANASE

NAME	HARUKA YANASE (AGE 24)

A COLLEGE FRIEND OF YUUJI, WHO FREQUENTLY MEETS WITH HIM IN PRIVATE FOR BETTER OR WORSE. SHE HARBORS DOUBTS ABOUT THE DEATH BY RETALIATION LAW AND ITS EXECUTION SYSTEM, AND CENTERS HER INTERVIEWS AROUND THOSE TOPICS. A CHEERFUL WOMAN FROM THE KANSAI REGION.


KAZUNARI SAKURADA
ASSISTOR NO. 2 (AGE 44)
A GENTLE, LOW-KEY ASSISTOR WHO SERVES AS A SECOND-IN-COMMAND TO THE TEAM-YUUJI ADMIRES HIM LIKE A BROTHER FOR BEING THE ONE WHO UNDERSTANDS HIM. HE IS NOW A DEATH-BY-RETALIATION DEATH ROW INMATE FOR BEING THE PERPETRATOR OF A SERIES OF MURDERS
KAZUNARI SAKURADA
KYOUGEN CHIKAMATSU
ASSISTOR NO. 4 (AGE ??)
A MASKED MYSTERY POSING AS A MAN IN CONSTANT SLUMBER. YUUJI BLUSHED AFTER MOMENTARILY SEEING HIS REAL FACE, LEADING MANY TO BELIEVE HE MAY BE A STUNNING BEAUTY IN TRUTH.
KYOUGEN CHIKAMATSU
KAMUI ODA (AGE 50)
ASSISTOR NO. 5
THE LEADER WHO FOUNDED THE SPECIAL TASK FORCE "ASSISTORS" AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEATH BY RETALIATION ACT. HE HAS A PAST AS A MERCENARY, ALTHOUGH DETAILS REMAIN SPARSE. NO ONE KNOWS WHETHER THE SCARS THAT COVER HIS BODY ARE FROM THE BATTLEFIELDS HE FOUGHT IN, OR FROM BEFORE OR AFTER THAT ERA... HE IS A MAN SHROUDED IN MYSTERY
KAMUI ODA
KENJI OKUMURA (AGE 45)
TOKYO METROPOLITAN POLICE, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
DESPITE STANDING IN THE UPPER ECHELON OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, HE CHOSE TO JOIN FORCES WITH AN OUTLIER LIKE ODA TO ESTABLISH THE DEATH BY RETALIATION ACT. HE BELIEVES THE ACT WILL DETER CRIME AND HELP REVERSE POPULATION DECLINE.
KENJI OKUMURA
YUKI NAKATANI
ASSISTOR NO. 6 (AGE 25)
A BLIND ASSISTOR WITH A VERY INNOCENT, GIRLISH PERSONALITY. SHE CAN GRASP SPATIAL RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH SOUND WAVES AROUND HER, AND RECOGNIZE INDIVIDUALS FROM THEIR UNIQUE SCENT. AFTER HER PARENTS' BRUTAL MURDER THE COLOR RED WOULD TRIGGER DEEP-SEATED TRAUMAS WITHIN HER, BUT THAT HAS SINCE BEEN EXORCISED WITH KOUTA'S HELP
YUKI NAKATANI
A STRING OF KILLINGS, WITH THE NORTHERN DISTRICT AT THE CENTER OF IT ALL... THE TRUTH BEHIND THEM - FROM THE PARTICULAR METHOD OF MURDER TO THE MURDER WEAPON - REMAINED SHROUDED IN MYSTERY. HOWEVER, ONCE THE CRIMINAL WAS IDENTIFIED AND SENTENCED TO A RETALIATORY DEATH, YUUJI FOUND HIMSELF FACING OFF... AGAINST SAKURADA.
"DEATH BY RETALIATION" SEEKS TO PUNISH VIOLENT CRIMINALS BY EXECUTING THEM IN THE EXACT MANNER IN WHICH THEY MURDERED THEIR VICTIMS; AS IT IS AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS METHOD OF EXECUTION, A TEAM OF SPECIALISTS WAS CREATED TO CARRY THESE OUT AS PROXIES FOR THE DECEASED AND THEIR FAMILIES. THEY ARE KNOWN AS THE SPECIAL TASK FORCE OF THE SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE POLICE - THE "ASSISTORS."
JAPAN'S POPULATION DECLINE CONTINUES INTO THE NEAR FUTURE, THANKS TO FALLING BIRTH RATES AND THE AGING OF THE GENERAL POPULACE. AMID THIS, THE GOVERNMENT GRAPPLES WITH THE SERIOUSNESS OF A STEADY INCREASE OF VIOLENT CRIME. TO COMBAT THIS, THEY REVIVE THE "DEATH BY RETALIATION" SYSTEM, WHICH HAD EXISTED UP TO THE MEIJI ERA; IT IS DESIGNED TO EXORCISE FEELINGS OF HATRED AND VENGEANCE FROM VICTIMS OF CRIME AND THEIR FAMILIES.
DEATH-TOLL

SUKEDACHI NINE
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MIRROR:18 "YUUJI (2)"

THE WITNESS IS IN PLACE.
AN EYE FOR AN EYE, PLEASE...
LIVE
.....
HMM...
YOU MAY NOW COMMENCE WITH THE EXECUTION...
...OF KAZUNARI SAKURADA.
...CAPTAIN ?!
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT AS IF THIS WERE JUST ANOTHER DAY AT WORK...
BZZK...
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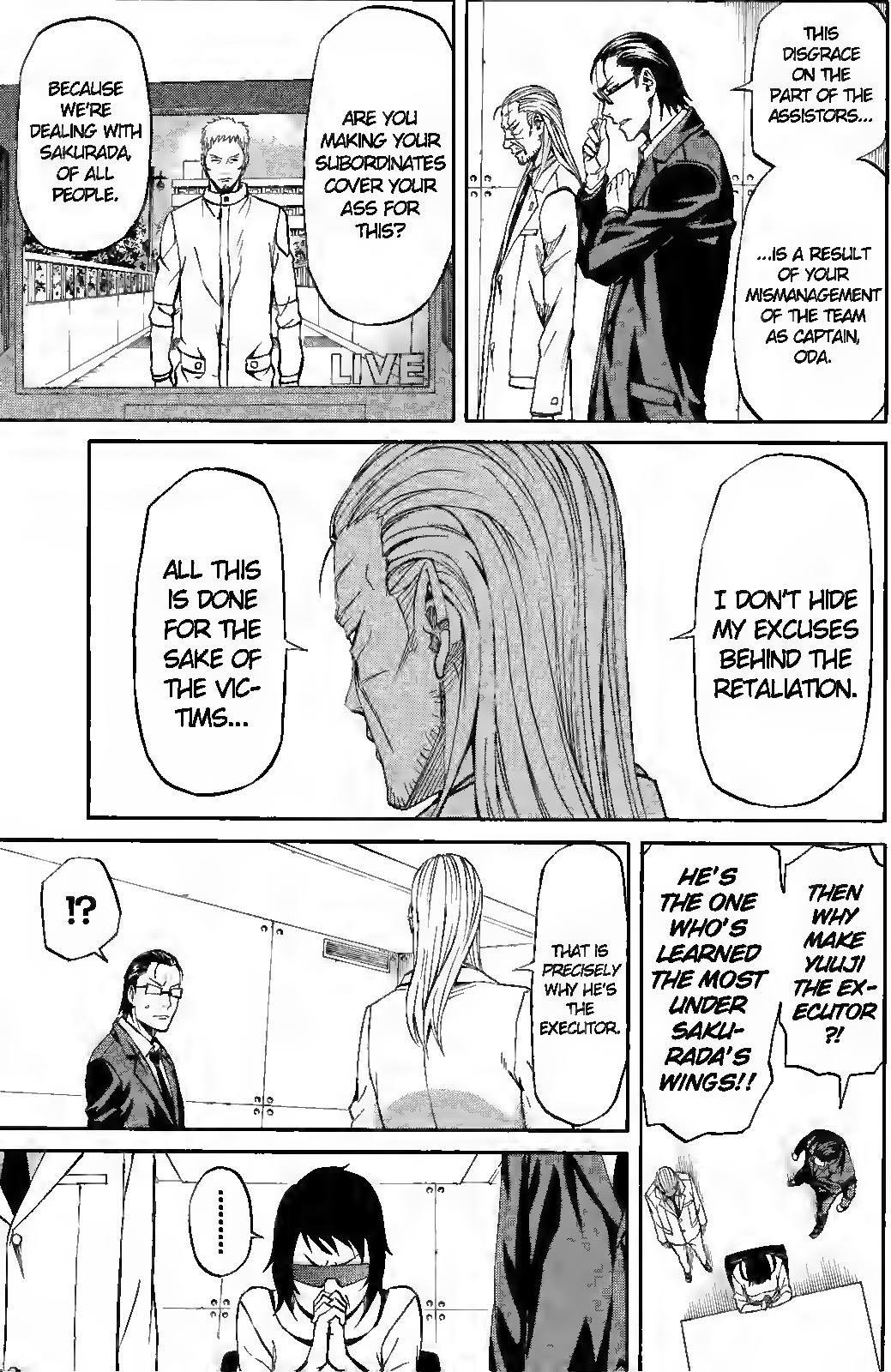
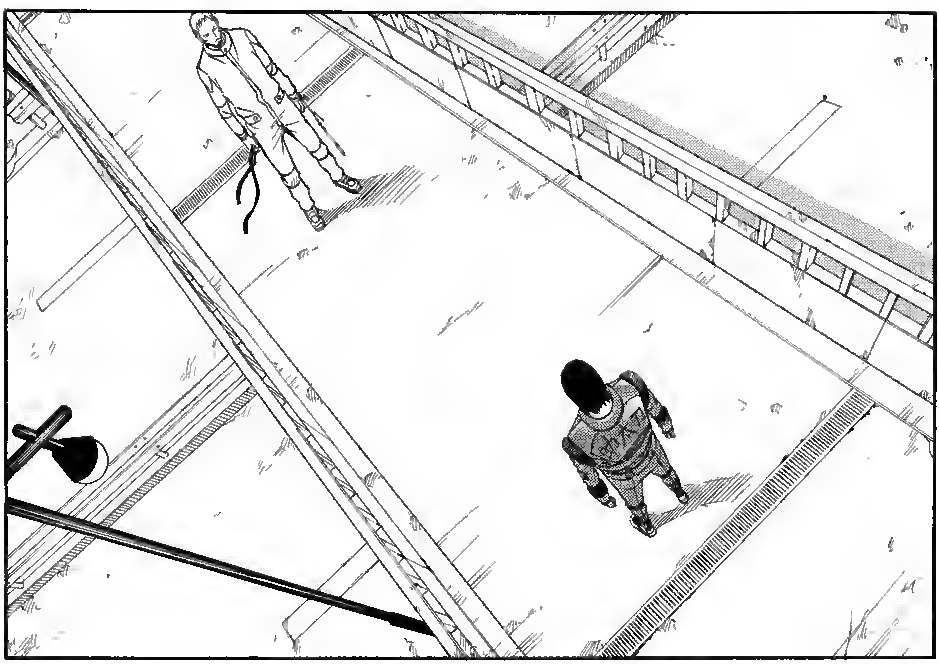

ARE YOU MAKING YOUR SUBORDINATES COVER YOUR ASS FOR THIS?
BECAUSE WE'RE DEALING WITH SAKURADA, OF ALL PEOPLE.
LIVE
THIS DISGRACE ON THE PART OF THE ASSISTORS...
...IS A RESULT OF YOUR MISMANAGEMENT OF THE TEAM AS CAPTAIN, ODA.
I DON'T HIDE MY EXCUSES BEHIND THE RETALIATION.
ALL THIS IS DONE FOR THE SAKE OF THE VICTIMS...
!?
THAT IS PRECISELY WHY HE'S THE EXECUTOR.
HE'S THE ONE WHO'S LEARNED THE MOST UNDER SAKURADA'S WINGS!!
THEN WHY MAKE YUUJI THE EXECUTOR?!
.....

THAT'S WHY I ASKED HIM TO ASSIST ME.
THAT YOUNG MAN WAS THE ONLY ASSISTOR IN THAT MEETING WHO SHARED MY FEELINGS.
THAT'S WHY THE FEELINGS OF THE VICTIM HERE...
...OVER-LAPPED THE MOST WITH YUUJI'S.
AMONG ALL THE ASSISTORS, YUUJI HOLDS THE GREATEST RESENTMENT OVER BEING BETRAYED BY THE ONES HE TRUSTED.
I KNEW THAT YUUJI BORE SOME SORT OF ATTACHMENT TOWARDS SAKURADA.
...THAT I NEED TO CONFIRM THROUGH THIS RETALIATION...
...THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT YUUJI...
BE-SIDES ...
WE CAN ONLY HAVE FAITH THAT HE CAN.
EVEN IF THAT WERE THE CASE...
...CAN YUUJI WIN IN A FIGHT AGAINST SAKURADA?

ALL THE VICS WERE STABBED IN THE HEART, WITH THE ENTRANCE BEING BETWEEN THE FOURTH AND FIFTH RIBS.
THE WOUND MARKS WERE VERY PARTICULAR.
THE MURDER WEAPON... IS A PIERCING HAND THRUST?!
WE'VE PUT A RUSH ON THE DNA TEST.
WE FOUND A FINGERNAIL IN ONE OF THE VICS, AND WE THINK IT'S THE PERP'S.
NO ONE OUTSIDE OF THIS TEAM, ANYWAY.
NO AMATEUR OR STANDARD ASSASSIN CAN PULL OFF THAT KIND OF STUNT.
SO WE FIGURED YOU BOTH WERE INNOCENT...
YOUR FINGERS HAVE CUT WOUNDS ON THEM.

THE THING HAD THE GUMPTION TO HOLD MY FINGER HOSTAGE, SO WE KNOW IT'LL TASTE GOOD.
WE NEVER GOT TO THROW A WELCOMING PARTY FOR YOU RECRUITS, SO THIS IS THE LEAST I COULD DO.
I HAPPENED TO CATCH IT DURING MY TRIP TO THE HARBOR LAST WEEK.
.....
NO!!
IT'S SAKURADA.
WE DON'T EVEN NEED TO DO THE DNA TEST.
AS FOR THE ANATOMY BIT, HE KNOWS JUST AS MUCH AS ANY DOCTOR.
HIS MAIN SHTICK IS A MARTIAL ART THAT MAKES HIS WHOLE BODY A POTENTIAL WEAPON.

...STREAKED RIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE.
GWIP
LOOKS LIKE MY LAST SHOT...
THOOM
THOOM
THOOM
THOOM



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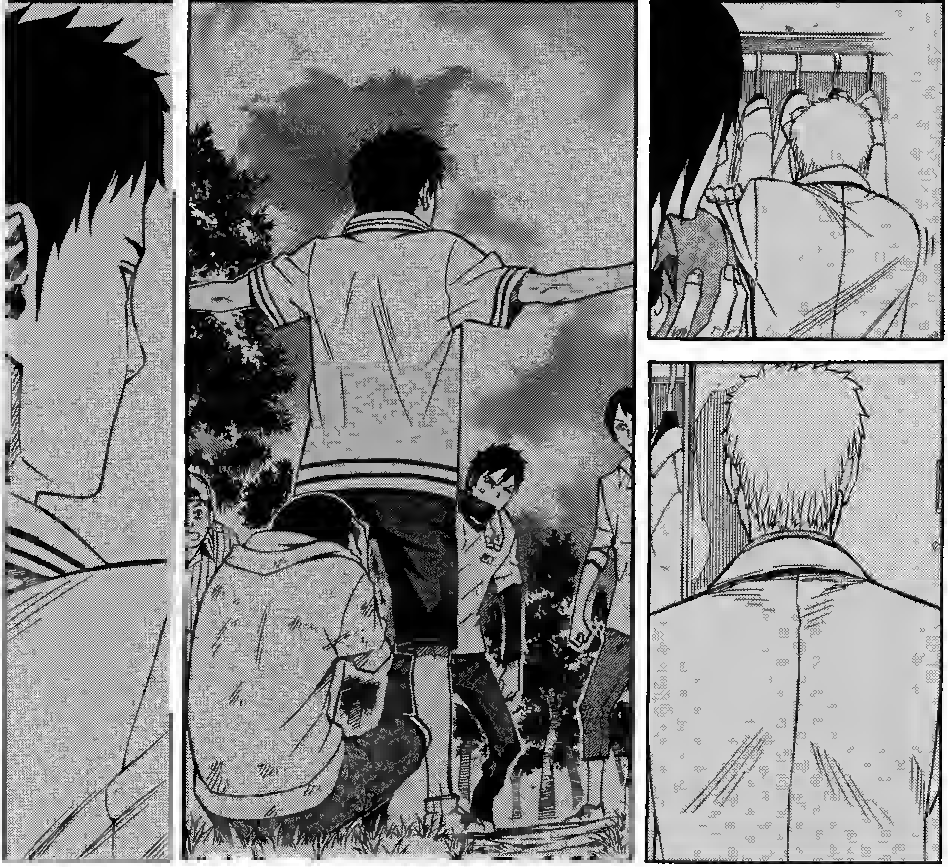
...IT HAPPENED ON A PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS LIKE THIS AS WELL.
...WHAT IT REALLY MEANT TO BE AN AS-SISTOR..
...WHEN YOU TAUGHT ME...
...YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT SEPARATES THE ASSISTORS FROM THE BEREAVED.
AS YOU ARE RIGHT NOW, YUUJI...
AREN'T ASSISTORS SUPPOSED TO EMPATHIZE WITH THE VICTIMS HERE?! WE'RE FAR FROM DONE HERE! DO IT!
WHAM
...YOU COULD FIND YOURSELF IN AN UNEXPECTED PITFALL.
IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE DIFFER-ENCE...

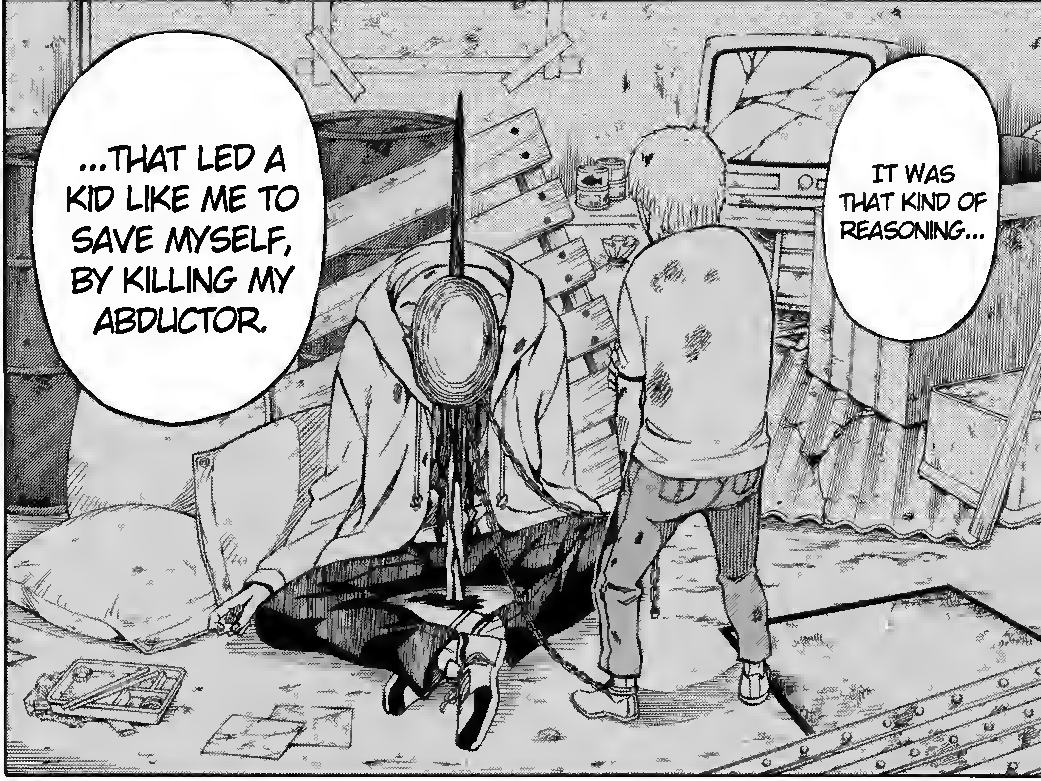
YUUJI !!
IF I HAD TAKEN IT ANY FURTHER THAN THAT...
...I WOULD HAVE MADE THE VICTIMS' FAMILIES MERE MURDERERS IN THE EYES OF THE LAW.
THANK GOD, THEN...
...THAT YOU MANAGED TO AVOID THAT PITFALL.
CONSIDER YOURSELF A FULL-FLEDGED ASSISTOR NOW.
SAKU-RADA-SAN...

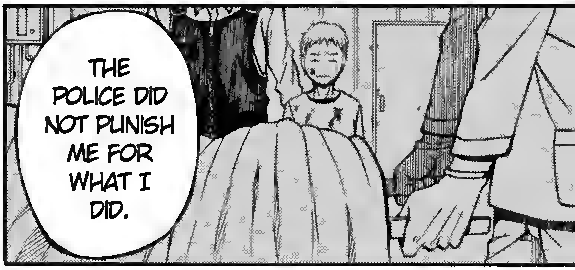
HE FIGHTS THROUGH ANY HARDSHIP WITH THE FAITH HE HAS IN HIMSELF. THAT'S WHY...
...EVEN THOUGH HE'S AN IDIOT... I HAVE COMPLETE FAITH IN HIM, TOO.
I WORRY, I SUFFER, AND I STRUGGLE TO OVERCOME IT ALL.
I'M ONLY HUMAN... SAME AS YOU.
I...
I THOUGHT...
ANSWER ME!!
WAS EVERYTHING YOU TAUGHT ME A LIE?!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE...



SAY SOME-THING, DAMMIT !!
.....

ISN'T THAT WHY YOU BECAME AN ASSISTOR ?!
MY TRAUMA BEGAN WHEN I WAS KIDNAPPED LONG AGO...
Whisper
THE TIME HAS FINALLY COME...
!?
...I DIDN'T DOUBT FOR A SECOND THAT THEY'D DO NOTHING TO SAVE ME.
SO WHEN I WAS ABDUCTED...
...MY PARENTS NEVER TOOK CARE OF ME. WORK WAS EVERYTHING TO THEM.
WHEN I WAS YOUNG...


IT WAS THAT KIND OF REASONING...
...THAT LED A KID LIKE ME TO SAVE MYSELF, BY KILLING MY ABDUCTOR.


THE POLICE DID NOT PUNISH ME FOR WHAT I DID.

THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE...
...THAT I SAW MY PARENTS SHED TEARS FOR ME.

WHEN MY PARENTS FOUND ME, THEY LOOKED SO RELIEVED THAT I WAS OKAY.
THAT I DID GOOD.

SO IF I KILLED THE BAD GUYS...
...THEN MY PARENTS WOULD LOOK AT ME AND LOVE ME.
THAT'S HOW IT SEEMED TO ME AT THE TIME.
IS THAT WHY...
...YOU JOINED THE ASSISTORS...?
.....
ASSISTORS ARE TO BECOME THE VESSEL THROUGH WHICH VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES EXPRESS THEIR SUFFERING...
...AND THEN REFLECT IT BACK ONTO THE CRIMINALS.
HOWEVER, DOING SO HAS THE EFFECT OF...
...CREATING SIMILAR REFLECTIONS IN OUR OWN MINDS.
IT'S THE REFLECTION OF THE OTHER SIDE OF US, CONSTANTLY STARING BACK...
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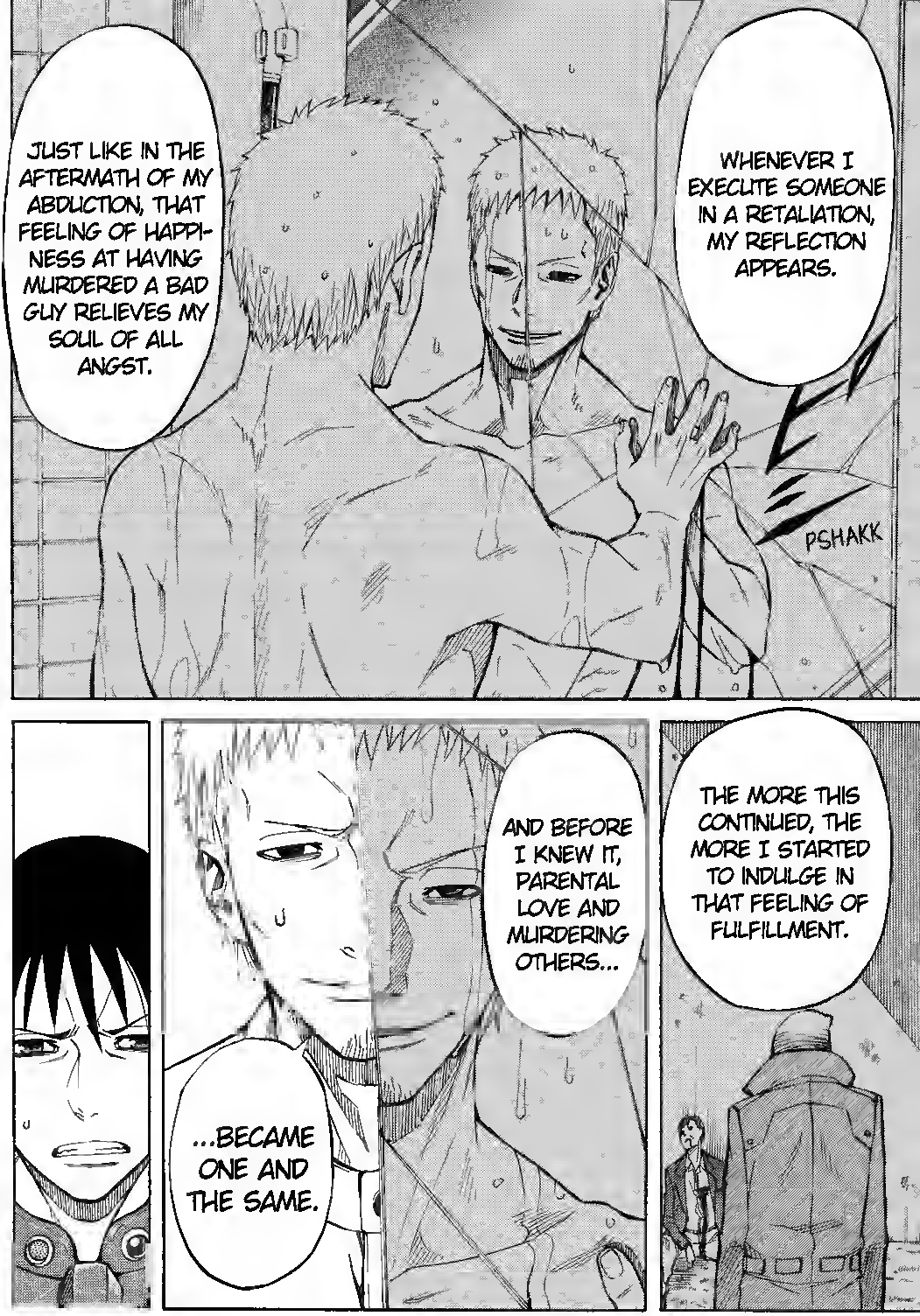
JUST LIKE IN THE AFTERMATH OF MY ABDUCTION, THAT FEELING OF HAPPINESS AT HAVING MURDERED A BAD GUY RELIEVES MY SOUL OF ALL ANGST.
WHENEVER I EXECUTE SOMEONE IN A RETALIATION, MY REFLECTION APPEARS.
PSHAKK
...BECAME ONE AND THE SAME.
AND BEFORE I KNEW IT, PARENTAL LOVE AND MURDERING OTHERS...
THE MORE THIS CONTINUED, THE MORE I STARTED TO INDULGE IN THAT FEELING OF FULFILLMENT.

YUUJI...
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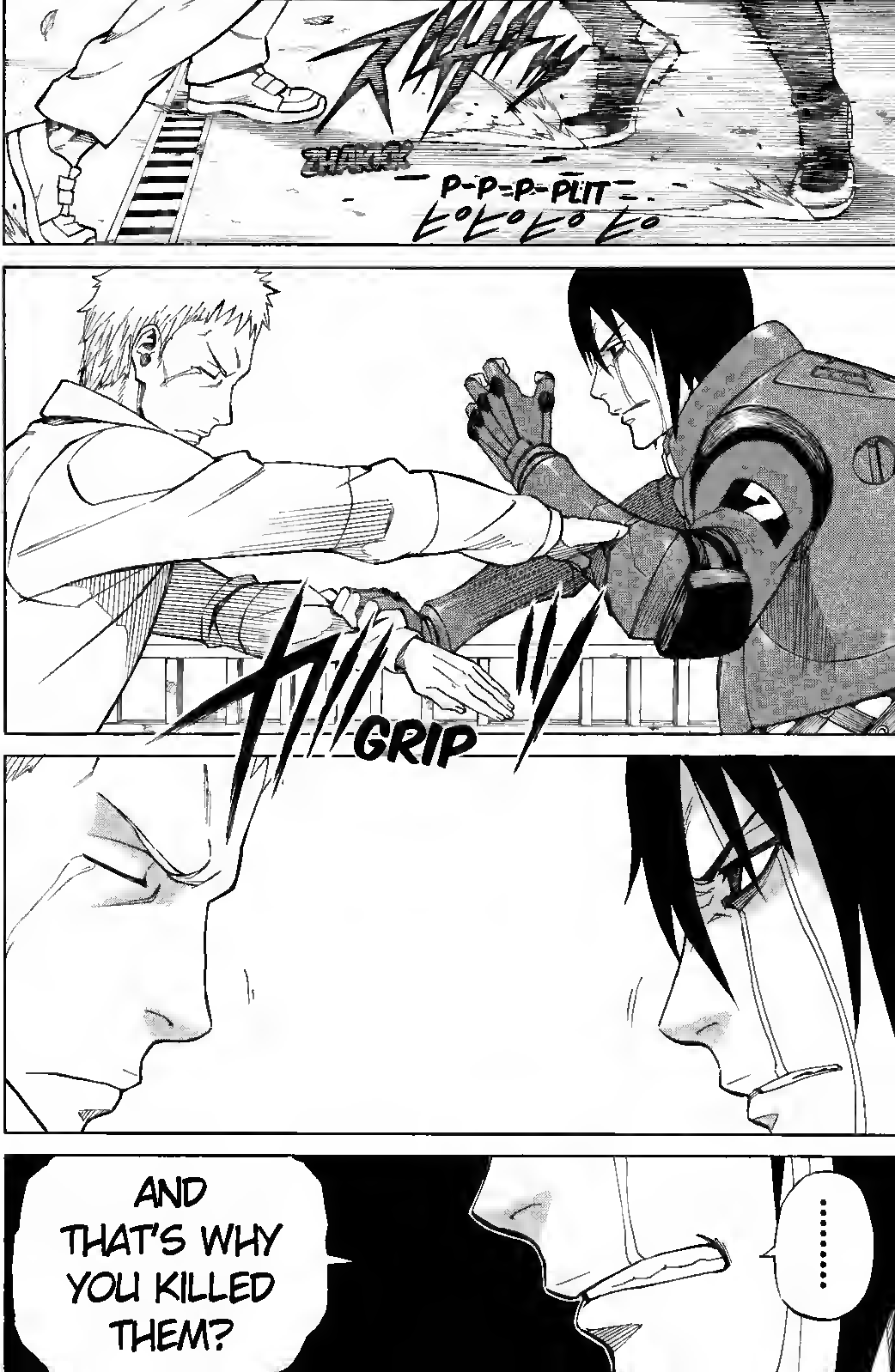
SHKA-
ガチャ
KSHANG
PEOPLE WHO'VE FALLEN INTO THAT PITFALL...
...CAN NEVER CRAWL BACK OUT!!
ZHTHUDD


P-P-P-PLIT
GRIP
AND THAT'S WHY YOU KILLED THEM?
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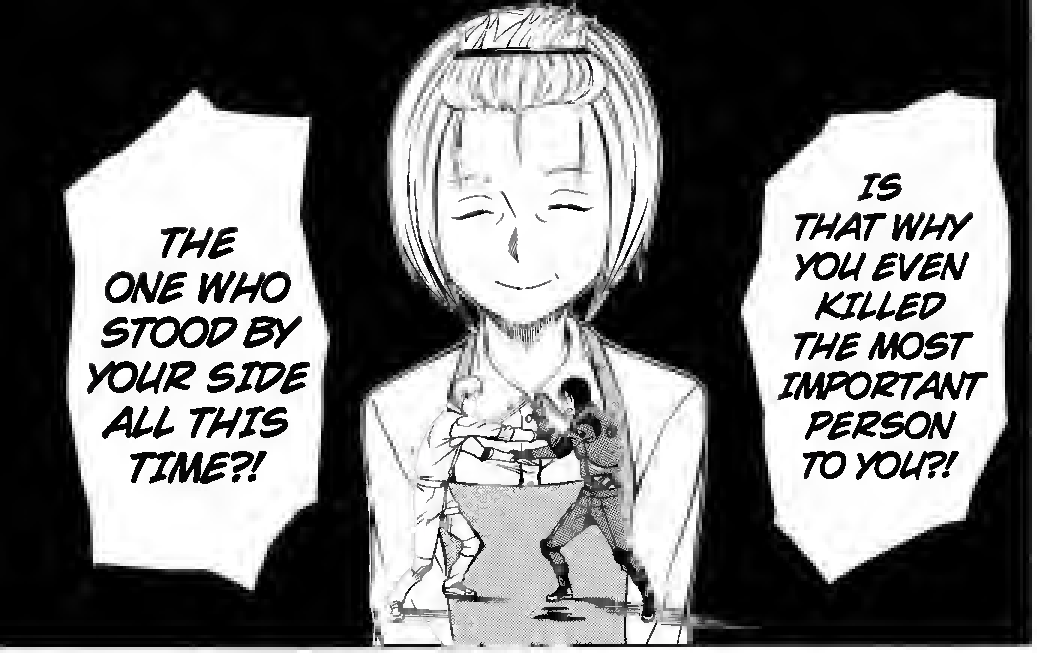
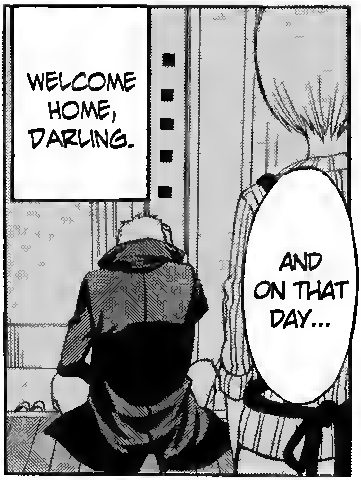
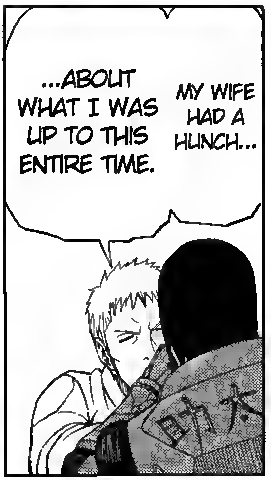
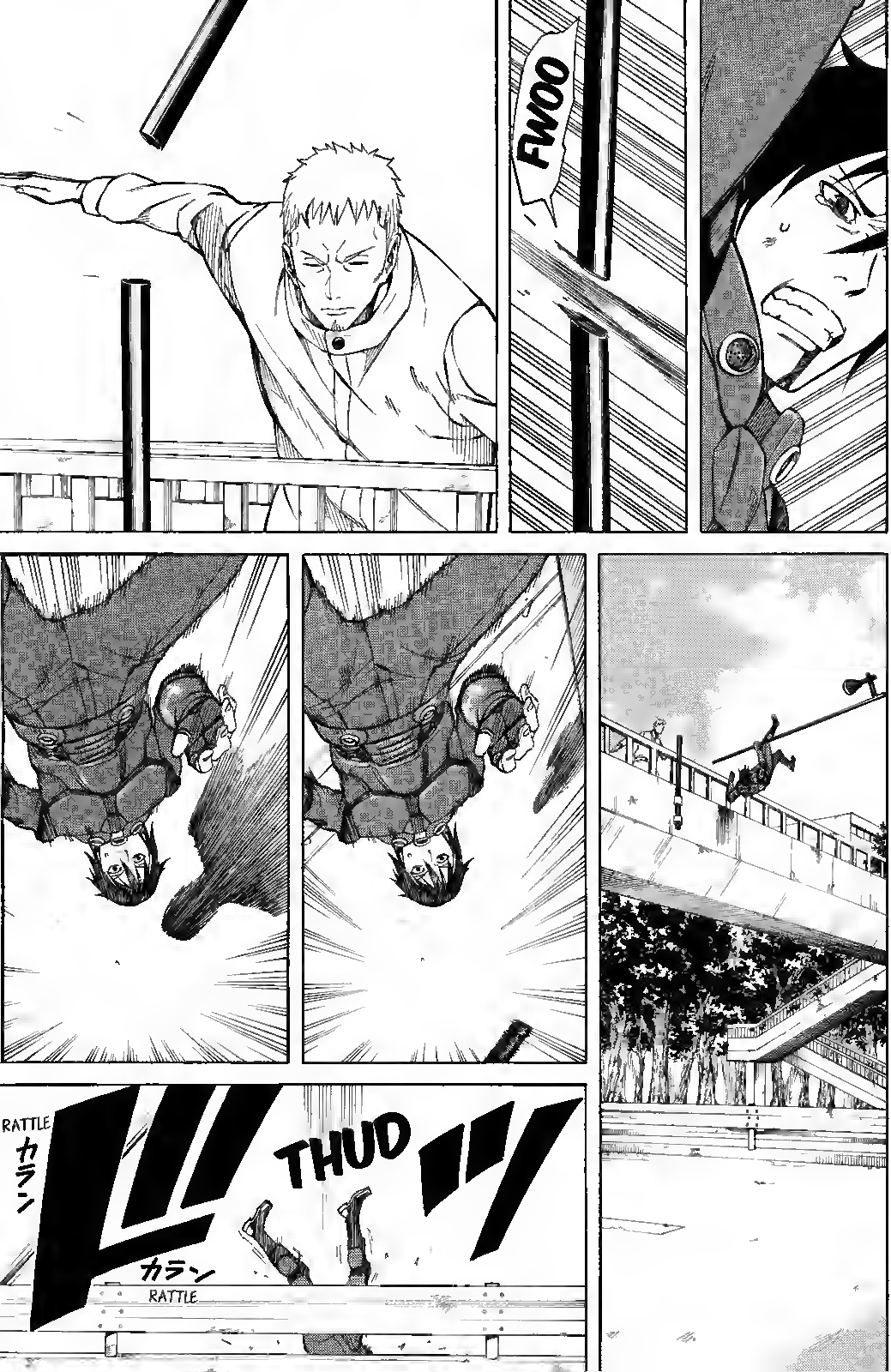

THE ONE WHO STOOD BY YOUR SIDE ALL THIS TIME?!
IS THAT WHY YOU EVEN KILLED THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON TO YOU?!

I'M HO--


WELCOME HOME, DARLING.
AND ON THAT DAY...


MY WIFE HAD A HUNCH...
...ABOUT WHAT I WAS UP TO THIS ENTIRE TIME.

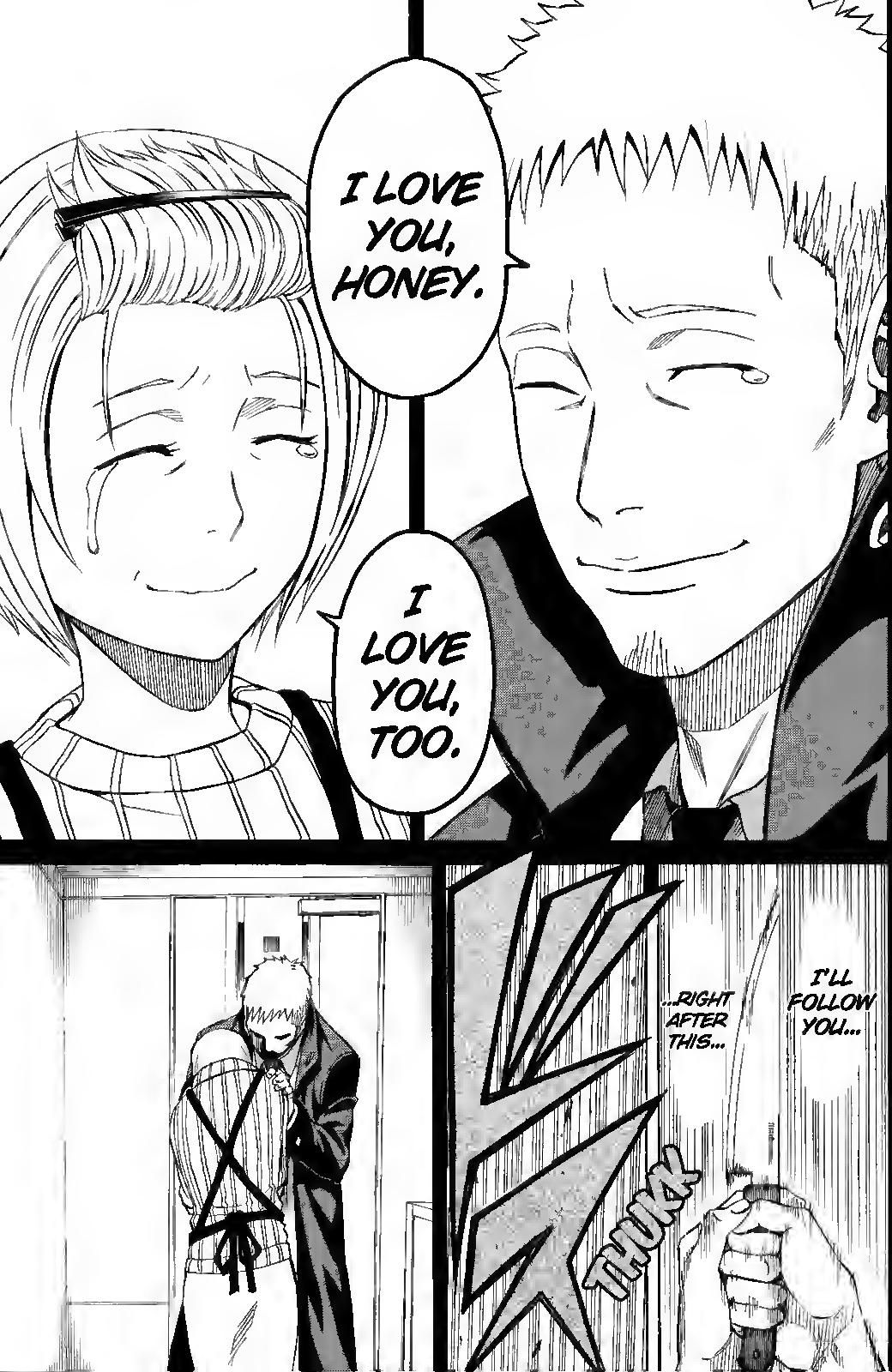
GWAM
SHIFF
HRGH
!
!
SPIN
THWFF
GRAB
THWOOSH


FWOO
THUD
RATTLE
カラン
カラン
RATTLE

HE'S TOO STRONG...
OH NO!!
.....
HGH...
SAVED BY THE AIRBAG...

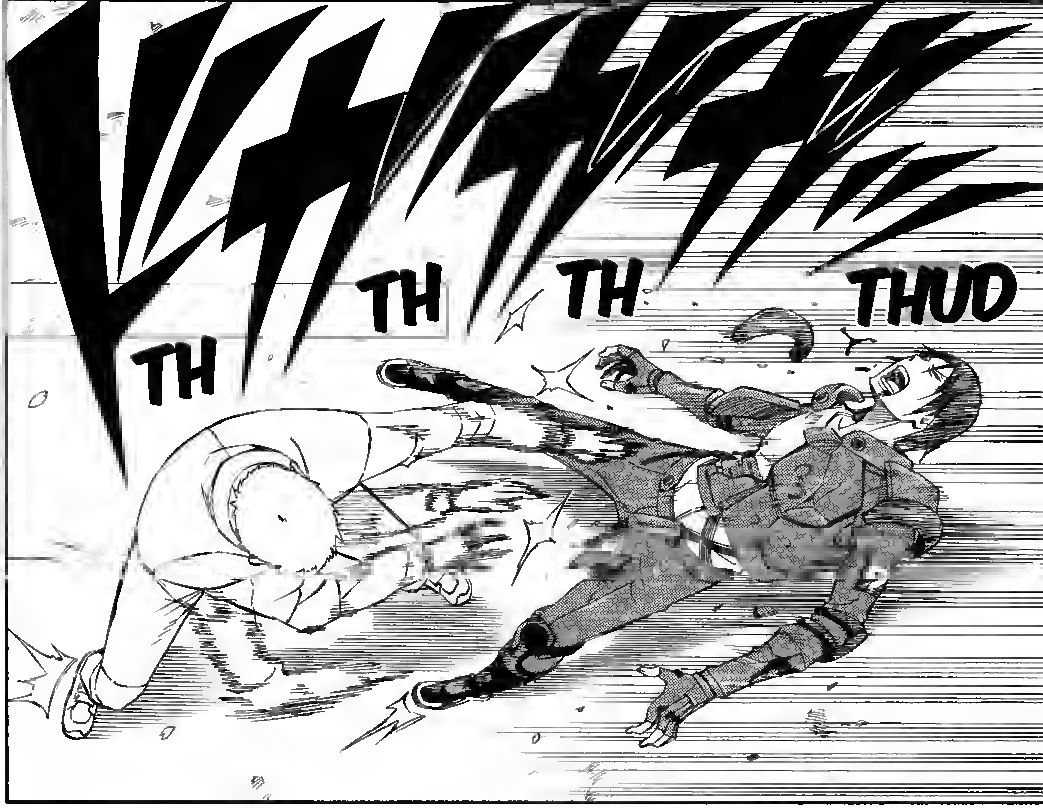
YOU KNEW, DIDN'T YOU...?
I ALWAYS FEARED THAT THIS DAY WOULD COME...
...AND I WAS RIGHT...

...AND I WANT TO FREE YOU FROM YOUR SUFFERING.
I KNEW THAT YOU'D CONTINUE DOING THIS...
...THAT I MARRIED YOU.
I'M SO GLAD...
IT'S MY FAULT... THAT I DID NOT CATCH ON SOONER...
...TO MAKE YOU DO THIS TO ME...
I'M SO SORRY...
...IT WOULD BE YOU.
IF ANYONE COULD STOP ME...


I LOVE YOU, HONEY.
I LOVE YOU, TOO.
I'LL FOLLOW YOU...
...RIGHT AFTER THIS...
THUK!

SLICH

AAAA AAAA AAAA AH!!
SOME-BODY! ANY-BODY!!
PLEASE STOP ME!!
カラン
CLATTER
NO!!
SAKURADA-SAN... I... MUST...
LURCH
H!! H!!
K-SHOOM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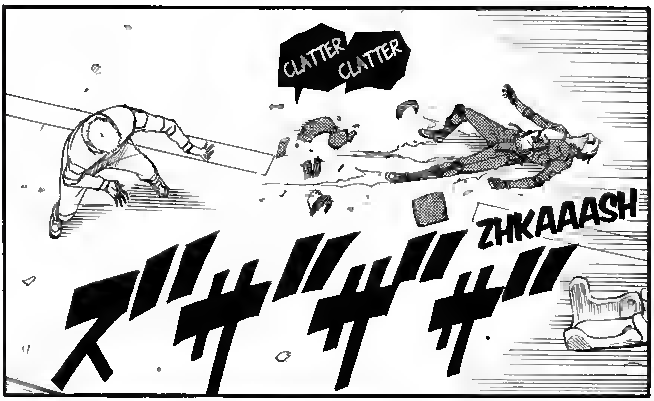
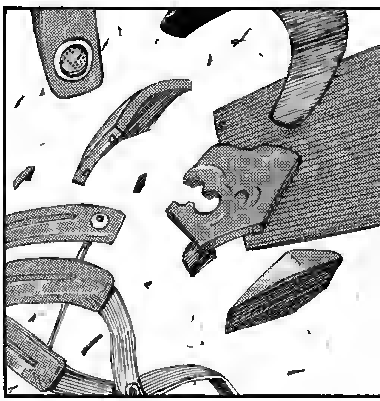
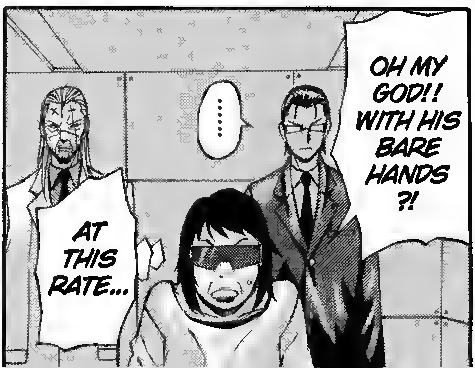

CLATTER
CLATTER
ZHKAAASH

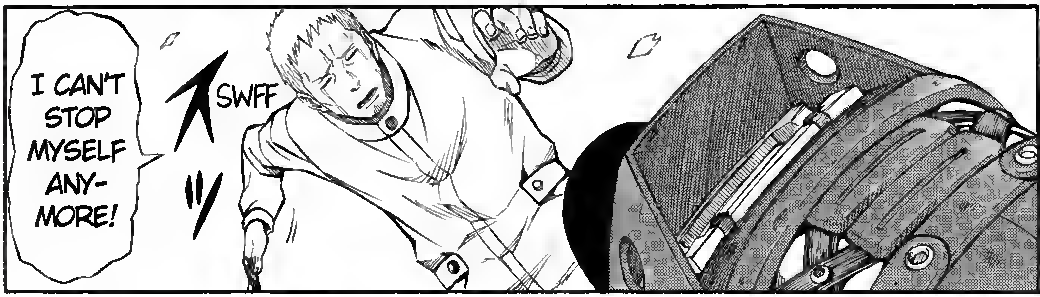


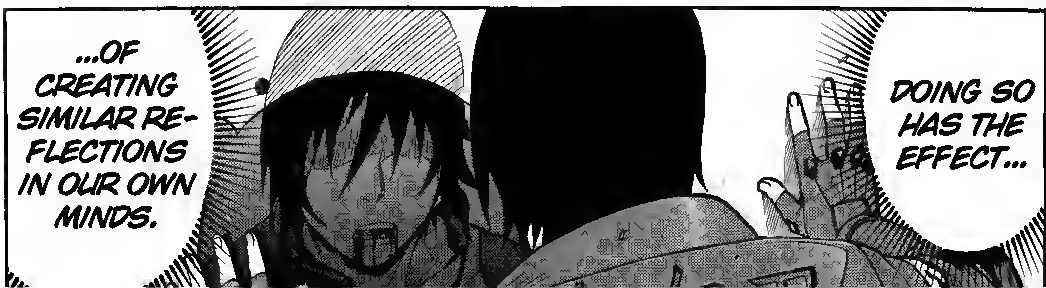

OH MY GOD!! WITH HIS BARE HANDS ?!
.....
AT THIS RATE...

FORGIVE ME, YUUJI...
HGACK ...!

...THE TRUSTWORTHINESS OF THIS SYSTEM WAS THROWN INTO JEOPARDY!
THE MOMENT AN ASSISTOR BECAME A CRIMINAL...
.....
THIS IS BAD!
ODA, YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE ONE TO EXECUTE HIM FROM THE GET-GO!
YOU'RE GOING TO GET FELLED !!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! STAND UP!
OKU-MURA...
...HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN WHAT I TOLD YOU EARLIER?
IF YUUJI'S FELLED HERE, THE POLITICIANS WON'T SIT STILL!
THAT IS...
THERE'S ONE OTHER REALITY YOU CANNOT CHANGE.
THAT'S THE REALITY.
NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO, YOU CANNOT DEFEAT ME.
COUGH
COUGH

...IT WON'T SIT STILL...
...MY SOUL SCREAMS THAT IT WANTS TO KILL YOU SO BADLY...


I CAN'T STOP MYSELF ANY-MORE!
SWFF


...OF CREATING SIMILAR RE-FLECTIONS IN OUR OWN MINDS.
DOING SO HAS THE EFFECT...

IT'S THE REFLECTION OF THE OTHER SIDE OF US...
...CONSTANTLY STARING BACK...
THWOK

.....
THROUGH HIS BODY?!
YUU... JI...!
GCK-ACK !!
NO...

WHO ARE YOU!?!
I FINALLY SEE IT...
SAKU-RADA-SAN!!
TWITCH
HUH ?!
COUGH! COUGH
SPLORA!
!!

...STOP ME...
I BELIEVED... THAT YOU COULD...
... OKAY...
BUT... NOW, IT'S...
DO... YOU... REMEM-BER...?
...BE STAINED RED... LIKE... MINE...
...BUT... DON'T... EVER... LET YOUR HEART...
...THEN I BELIEVE THAT AT LEAST OUR HEARTS WON'T BE STAINED WITH THAT BLOOD.
AS LONG AS THE VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS...
...AS PEOPLE WHO'RE ALLOWED TO KEEP STAINING OUR HANDS WITH THE BLOOD OF OTHERS.
IT MAKES YOU WONDER WHERE WE'RE HEADED, REALLY...

THAT'S A QUOTE FOR THE BOOKS, YUUJI...
I HAVE YOU TO THANK, SIR. LET ME REPAY YOU SOMEHOW... FOR YOUR TUTELAGE, AND FOR TAKING CARE OF HARU.
...I'LL TAKE YOU UP ON THAT OFFER SOME OTHER TIME, THEN.
THE TIME HAS FINALLY COME...
WAS THIS YOUR AIM ALL ALONG...?
FINALLY... I GOT YOU... TO PAY ME BACK...
...THAT FAVOR... FROM BACK THEN...
WHAT ?!
BUMP
...TRUE TO...
PROM-ISE... ME...
...YOU'LL ALWAYS... BE...
...YOUR-SELF...

FSHH
...BE...
...YOUR...
...HE...
...RO...
...I...
...COULD...
...NOT...
I'M...
SORRY...
...TO...
...THE...
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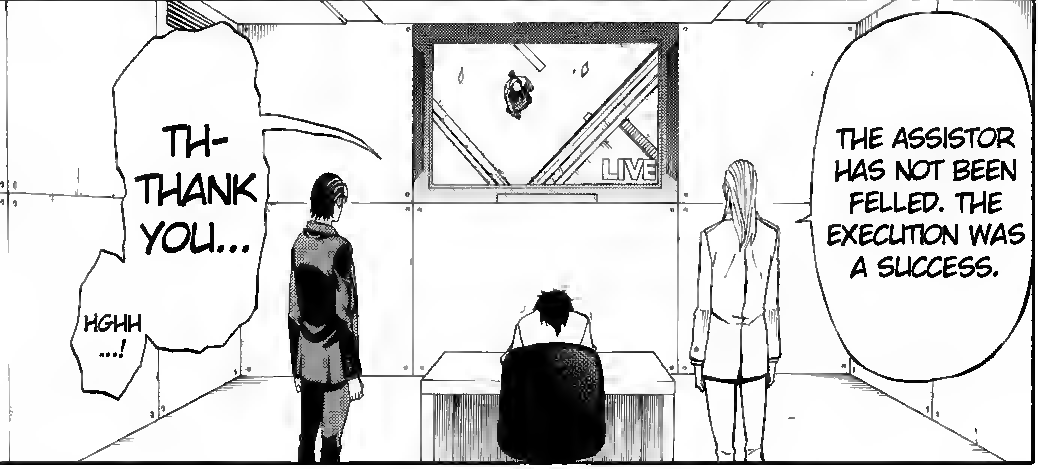
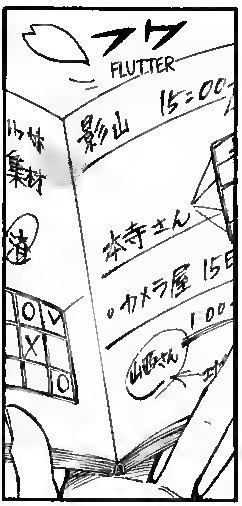

TH-THANK YOU...
HGHH ...!
LIVE
THE ASSISTOR HAS NOT BEEN FELLED. THE EXECUTION WAS A SUCCESS.

WHEN'S THE NEXT INTERVIEW...

AH!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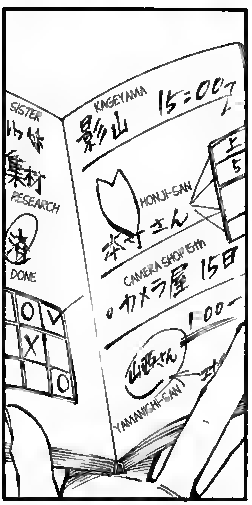
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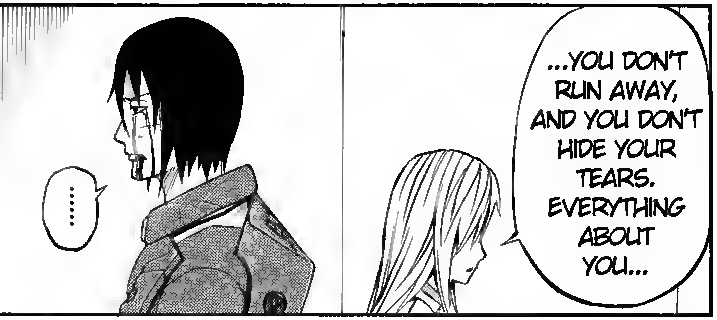
...I DIDN'T BELIEVE YOU BACK THERE...
I'M SORRY...
...IN THE END...

...I'M NOT FIT TO COACH YOU--
YOU'RE WRONG, SIR.


...YOU DON'T RUN AWAY, AND YOU DON'T HIDE YOUR TEARS. EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU...
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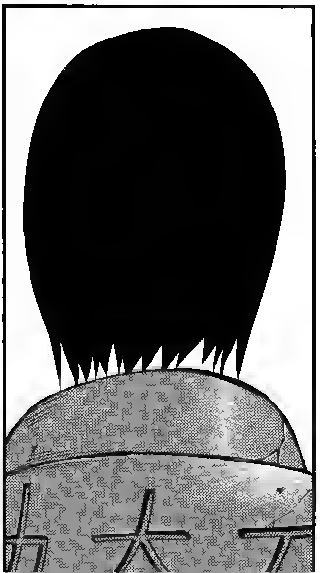
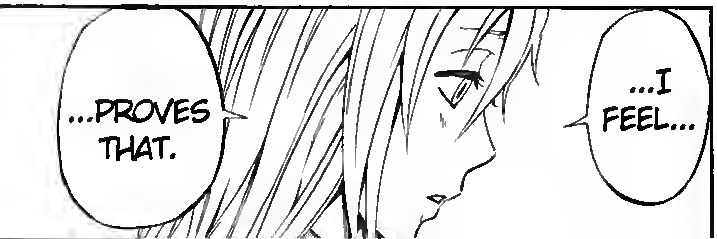
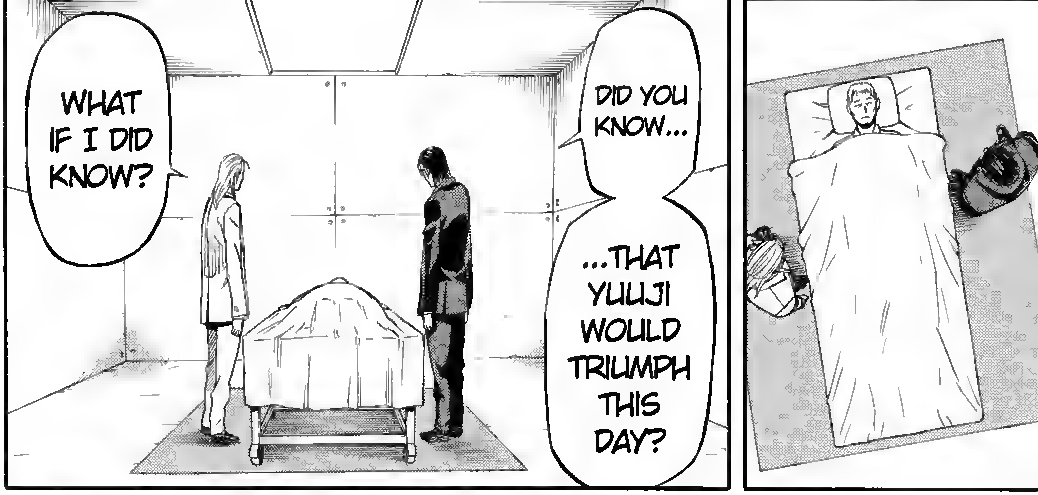
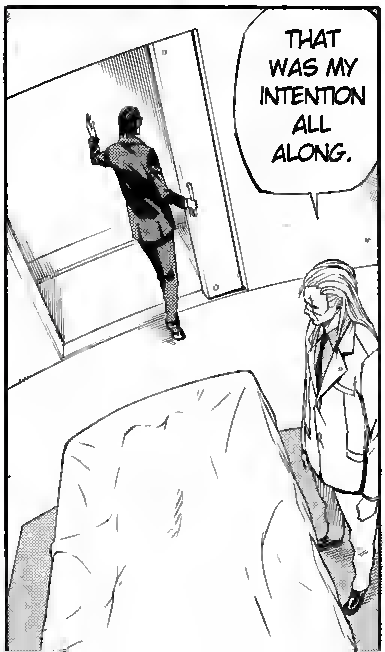


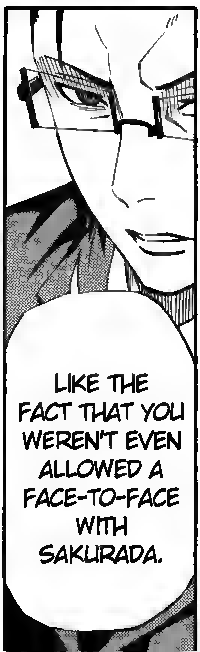

...I FEEL...
...PROVES THAT.


WHAT IF I DID KNOW?
DID YOU KNOW...
...THAT YULIJI WOULD TRIUMPH THIS DAY?

...THAT ONE MOMENT?

COULD IT BE...
YOU SAID EARLIER THAT YOU WANTED TO CONFIRM SOMETHING.


THAT WAS MY INTENTION ALL ALONG.

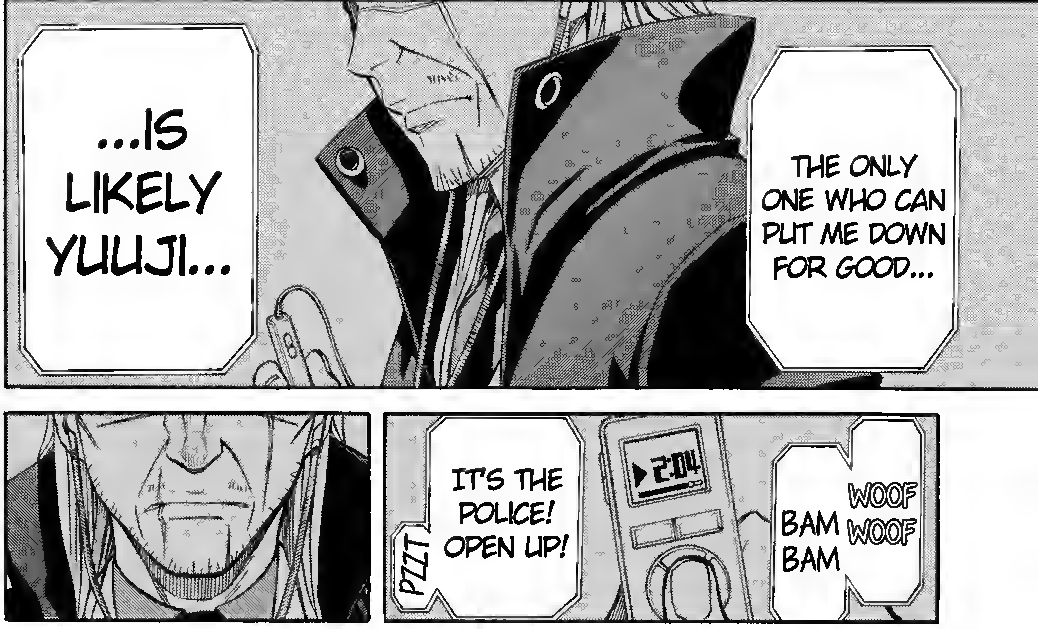

LIKE THE FACT THAT YOU WEREN'T EVEN ALLOWED A FACE-TO-FACE WITH SAKURADA.

...YOU BETTER BELIEVE THAT THE HIGHER-UPS WILL MAKE THEIR MOVE.
HOWEVER, EVEN IF THIS DOESN'T MAKE IT OUT TO THE PUBLIC...
WELL... YOU'RE THE CAPTAIN. DO WHAT YOU MUST.

PKIK

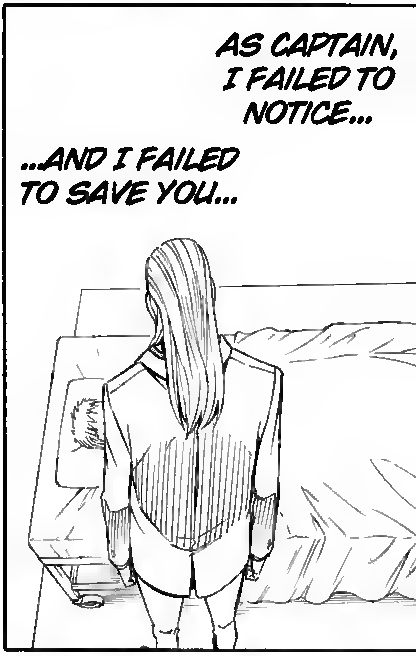
TO THE MAIN TOPIC... PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ONE OF US ASSISTORS MAY BE IN CAHOOTS WITH ANTI-RETALIATION FORCES.
I HAVE FAITH THAT YOU WILL FIND THIS.
THIS SD CARD CONTAINS MY LAST MESSAGE TO YOU, CAPTAIN ODA.
BEEP

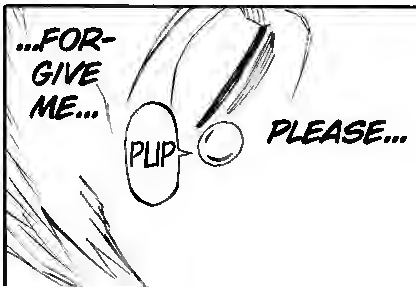
...PLEASE MAKE YUUJI EXECUTE ME... SO THAT A FELLING CAN BE PREVENTED...
I BEG OF YOU, CAPTAIN... IF I'M EVER TO BE EXECUTED BY RETALIATION...
BUT PLEASE BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY THAT BEING AN ASSISTOR IS ALL I HAVE IN MY LIFE.
I MAY NOT BE VERY CONVINCING, CONSIDERING I'VE BETRAYED MY ALLIES BY BECOMING A SERIAL KILLER.


...IS LIKELY YUUJI...
THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN PUT ME DOWN FOR GOOD...

PZZT
IT'S THE POLICE! OPEN UP!
BAM BAM
WOOF WOOF

SAKURADA...


AS CAPTAIN, I FAILED TO NOTICE...
...AND I FAILED TO SAVE YOU...


...FOR-GIVE ME...
PLIP
PLEASE...

I... KILLED SAKU-RADA-SAN...
...WITH MY OWN HANDS...
GRIP
PSHAKK

PLAP
ZSSSH
GLUB
GLUB

SEN-PAI?!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE? TODAY'S...
!
!?
GRAB
WHY DO YOU HAVE THAT PENDANT ?!
ANSWER M-ME!!
CLENCH

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